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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

8 March 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SNIE Concerning World Reaction to Certain Proposed
US Civil Defense Programs

1. In preparation for NSC discussion, scheduled for 4 April, of certain FCDA proposals for civil defense efforts, the NSC Planning Board has requested, by 19 March, an intelligence judgment concerning the foreign reaction to the initiation by the US of a program on the lines proposed. The Director of Central Intelligence believes that in view of the importance of the subject the requirement should be met through an SNIE.

2. Accordingly, your concurrence is requested in the initiation of an SNIE, to be designated SNIE 100-5-57: Probable World Reaction to Certain Proposed US Civil Defense Programs. The proposed work schedule for the estimate would be:

ONE Draft to IAC representatives 8 or 11 March
IAC representatives to meet 13 or 14 March
Draft to IAC for meeting 19 March

You will note that we have omitted any provision for contributions, in the belief that the questions covered are so general (with the exception of certain specifics on the Soviet civil defense program already covered in ORR material) that it would be most useful to discuss them on the basis of a full initial draft. Please let us know as to your concurrence in this estimate and schedule by close of business today, 8 March.

3. Details of the project are set forth in the attached memorandum from the Acting CIA Advisor to the Planning Board.

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